

EPA's assessment of worker risk from re-entry may be affected by additional information about foliar dislodgable residue, especially about chlorothalonil residue levels between applications, and other information.

### III. Comments and Information Solicited

The Agency is interested in receiving comments on this proposed exception. In particular, the Agency welcomes comments supported by data or additional information about muskmelons, about the potential risks associated with granting this exception request, about cultural practices, and about the potential economic impacts.

This would include evidence demonstrating whether or not the risks to workers would be acceptable given Indiana's proposed terms, and an REI of 0 hours. It would also include evidence about whether or not REIs of 4, 12, or 24 hours are appropriate given varying application schedules and the substitution of alternative fungicides during the growing season. An REI of 4 hours has not been proposed, and EPA maintains concerns about the potential worker risks associated with a 4-hour REI, but EPA nevertheless is soliciting comments on it. An alternative but similar application schedule using another fungicide (mancozeb) during the growing season may warrant an REI of 12 hours, and an application schedule similar to that proposed by Indiana might result in an REI of 24 hours.

The Agency is also interested in evidence about whether or not the use of PPE, engineering controls, or any additional decontamination procedures or safety training would be useful should the exception be granted. The Agency is interested in obtaining data on how heat stress from PPE can be mitigated, and if there are any reports of poisoning incidents involving harvesters being exposed to chlorothalonil.

The Agency also would like information about cultural practices and economic impacts, such as an appropriate time limit on activities performed during the REI; this would include information about the affect the WPS had on the 1995 melon season. Comments on feasible alternative fungicides or integrated pest management practices that would make early entry for hand harvesting unnecessary, and their associated costs, are also solicited. The Agency welcomes any additional information concerning the economic impact on Indiana's muskmelon industry (such as crop yield and/or price) resulting from continuing

to prohibit hand harvesting during chlorothalonil's 48-hour REI on muskmelons. Also solicited is additional information on the average life of muskmelon fruit, uses for over-ripe fruit, uses for canned muskmelon fruit and juice, and the stages of maturity that are required for different markets.

### IV. Public Record

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on this action. Comments must bear a notation indicating the docket control number [OPP-30112].

A record has been established for this action under docket number "OPP-30112" (including comments and data submitted electronically as described below). A public version of this record, including printed, paper versions of electronic comments, which does not include any information claimed as CBI, is available for inspection from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The public record is located in Rm. 1132 of the Public Response and Program Resources Branch, Field Operations Division (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.

Electronic comments can be sent directly to EPA at:

opp-docket@epamail.epa.gov

Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption.

The official record for the proposal as well as the public version, as described above will be kept in paper form. Accordingly, EPA will transfer all comments received electronically into printed, paper form as they are received and will place the paper copies in the official record which will also include all comments submitted directly in writing. The official rulemaking record is the paper record maintained at the address in "ADDRESSES" at the beginning of this document.

### List of Subjects

Environmental protection,  
Occupational safety and health,  
Pesticides and Pests.

Dated: May 31, 1996.

Lynn R. Goldman,  
*Assistant Administrator for Prevention,  
Pesticides and Toxic Substances.*

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### Strategic Plan for the Office of Research and Development

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the availability of the Strategic Plan for the Office of Research and Development (EPA-600/R-96/059), prepared by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Office of Research and Development (ORD). This document describes the process and criteria for selecting ORD's high priority research and defines the foundation for ORD's management and budget planning process.

**DATES:** The Strategic Plan for the Office of Research and Development will be available to the public on or about June 7, 1996. Interested parties can access the Executive Summary of the Document via the Internet on the ORD Home Page (<http://www.epa.gov/ORD>) on or about June 3, 1996. In addition, the entire document will be available on the Internet on or about June 7, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** The document is available for inspection at the EPA Headquarters Library, Waterside Mall, 401 M Street, SW., Washington, DC. EPA Library hours are 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. On or about June 7, 1996, interested parties can obtain a single copy of the Strategic Plan by contacting: ORD Publications Office, Technology Transfer Division, National Risk Management Research Lab, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 26 W. Martin Luther King Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45268; Telephone: (513-569-7566.) Please provide your name and mailing address, and request the document by the title and EPA Document No. (EPA-600/R-96/059). A limited number of paper copies will be available from this source, and requests will be filled on a first come-first served basis. After the supply is exhausted, copies of the Strategic Plan can be purchased from the National Technical Information Service (NTIS) by calling (703) 487-4650 or sending a facsimile to (703) 321-8547. The NTIS order number for the Strategic Plan is (PB96-175385.)

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sherry Hawkins Office of Research and Science Integration, (8104), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, D.C. 20460. Telephone (202) 260-5593; Facsimile (202-260-0106.)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In recent years, many important groups,

including EPA's Science Advisory Board and blue ribbon panels convened by the National Academy of Public Administration and the National Research Council, have made many excellent suggestions for improving science at EPA. ORD's Strategic Plan incorporates and builds on these ideas to provide the course for strong, credible science at EPA into the next century.

This plan is the culmination of a number of strategic changes to institute a more effective, risk-based research program at ORD. For example, ORD reorganized its nationwide system of laboratories to conform to the fundamental components of widely used risk assessment and risk management processes. With this Strategic Plan, ORD has instituted a new system for determining research priorities based on risk assessment and risk management principles. This system will be used to sharpen the focus of research by directing resources where they will contribute most effectively to understanding and solving environmental problems, while supporting EPA in fulfilling its mandates. The Plan served as the blueprint for the FY '97 budget planning process and will provide the basis for building the FY '98 budget.

The goal of ORD's research program is to assure that EPA's environmental decisions are based on high quality science, and that science is provided in a timely and useful format to users. The Plan also lays the foundation for more clearly defining the next generation of environmental problems and the research to address those problems.

Dated: May 28, 1996.

J.K. Alexander,

*Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Research and Development.*

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[Report No. 1]

### Petition for Reconsideration of Action in Commission Proceeding

May 31, 1996.

A petition for partial reconsideration has been filed with respect to the Commission's Memorandum Opinion and Order listed below. The full text of this document is available for viewing and copying in Room 610, 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, DC, by contacting Donna Viert ((202) 418-1725). In addition, copies may be purchased from the Commission's copy

contractor, ITS, Inc. ((202) 857-3800). In accordance with section 1.45(b) of the Commission's Rules (47 CFR 1.4(b)(1)) oppositions to this petition for partial reconsideration must be filed June 24, 1996. Replies to an opposition must be filed within 10 days after the time for filing oppositions has expired.

Subject: Settlements in Comparative Broadcast Proceedings—Emergency Request for Immediate Declaratory Ruling. FCC 96-179 released April 26, 1996.

Filed By: Gene A. Bechtel, Bechtel & Cole, Chartered on May 28, 1996.

Action by the General Counsel.

Federal Communications Commission

LaVera F. Marshall,

*Acting Secretary.*

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## FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

### Notice of Agency Meeting; Sunshine Act Meeting

Pursuant to the provisions of the "Government in the Sunshine Act" (5 U.S.C. 552b), notice is hereby given that at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 4, 1996, the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation met in closed session to consider matters relating to the Corporation's supervisory activities.

In calling the meeting, the Board determined, on motion of Vice Chairman Andrew C. Hove, Jr., seconded by Director Joseph H. Neely (Appointive), concurred in by Mr. John F. Downey, acting in the place and stead of Director Jonathan L. Fiechter (Acting Director, Office of Thrift Supervision), Ms. Julie Williams, acting in the place and stead of Director Eugene A. Ludwig (Comptroller of the Currency), and Chairman Ricki Helfer, that Corporation business required its consideration of the matters on less than seven days' notice to the public; that no earlier notice of the meeting was practicable; that the public interest did not require consideration of the matters in a meeting open to public observation; and that the matters could be considered in a closed meeting by authority of subsections (c)(4), (c)(6), (c)(8), and (c)(9)(A)(ii) of the "Government in the Sunshine Act" (5 U.S.C. 552b (c)(4), (c)(6), (c)(8), and (c)(9)(A)(ii)).

The meeting was held in the Board Room of the FDIC Building located at 550—17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

Dated: June 4, 1996.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

Robert E. Feldman,

*Deputy Executive Secretary.*

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## FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

### Performance Review Board; Notice of Names of Members

AGENCY: Federal Maritime Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the names of the members of the Performance Review Board.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

William J. Herron, Jr., Director of Personnel, Federal Maritime Commission, 800 North Capitol Street, Washington, DC 20573.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Sec. 4314(c) (1) through (5) of title 5, U.S.C., requires each agency to establish, in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Office of Personnel Management, one or more performance review boards. The board shall review and evaluate the initial appraisal of a senior executive's performance by the supervisor, along with any recommendations to the appoint authority relative to the performance of the senior executive. Harold J. Creel, Jr.,  
*Chairman.*

The Members of the Performance Review Board Are:

1. Ming Chen Hsu, Commissioner
2. Delmond J.H. Won, Commissioner
3. Joe Scroggins, Jr., Commissioner
4. Norman D. Kline, Chief Administrative Law Judge
5. Frederick M. Dolan, Jr., Administrative Law Judge
6. Charles E. Morgan, Administrative Law Judge
7. Robert D. Bourgoin, General Counsel
8. Joseph C. Polking, Secretary
9. Edward P. Walsh, Managing Director
10. Bruce A. Dombrowski, Deputy Managing Director
11. Vern W. Hill, Director, Bureau of Enforcement
12. Sandra L. Kusumoto, Director, Bureau of Administration
13. Austin L. Schmitt, Director, Bureau of Economics and Agreement Analysis
14. Norman W. Littlejohn, Deputy Director, Bureau of Enforcement